

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. GCU-02-2
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**ORDER CANCELLING HEARING AND SETTING BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

(Issued August 22, 2002)

On June 10, 2002, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 476A for a generating facility certificate to construct and operate a 568 MW combined-cycle, natural gas fueled, combustion turbine. The proposed facility is called the Power Iowa Energy Center and is located in Cerro Gordo County near Mason City, Iowa. The Board docketed the filing and set a procedural schedule by order issued July 12, 2002.

There are four other parties to this proceeding: the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate), Ag Processing Inc., CPV Highlands, L.L.C., and the Iowa Consumers Coalition. None of these parties have filed testimony. Pursuant to the procedural schedule, prefiled testimony was to be submitted on or before August 6, 2002. Consumer Advocate filed a statement on August 6, 2002, indicating it did not oppose granting the certificate if it were

conditioned upon IPL "receiving all appropriate transmission interconnection, transmission service and other transmission related authorizations currently and prospectively required prior to operating the proposed plant on the transmission system." IPL has accepted those conditions.

On August 21, 2002, IPL filed a motion for cancellation of the evidentiary hearing scheduled for August 26, 2002. In support of its motion, counsel for IPL said she had contacted counsel for the other four parties and was authorized to state that those parties do not require an evidentiary hearing.

It appears that none of the parties have questions for IPL witnesses on cross-examination or witnesses of their own to present. After reviewing the record to date, the Board has no additional questions or cross-examination for IPL's witnesses.

Because no one has questions for the witnesses at hearing, the hearing will be cancelled. In the event any party desires to file a brief, a briefing schedule will be set.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The motion to cancel evidentiary hearing filed by Interstate Power and Light Company on August 21, 2002, is granted, and the hearing scheduled for August 26, 2002, is cancelled.
2. The following briefing schedule is established for this proceeding:
  - a. All parties may file initial briefs on or before September 3, 2002.

b. All parties who filed initial briefs may file reply briefs on or before  
September 10, 2002.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2002.